

Mayor David Sims called the regularly scheduled council meeting of July 5, 2016 to order at 7:00 p.m. Present for the meeting were Mayor Sims, Council President Rick Alonzo, Council Members Ron Smith and Adam Arthur, Clerk Kris Larson, City Administrator Mike Klaus, City Attorney Andrakay Pluid, Police Chief Vic Watson, Fire Chief Pat Warkentin, Police Officer Chris Langan, and Economic Development Coordinator Dennis Weed. Also present were Marcia Cossette, Lisa and Tim West, Sue Ireland, Jerry Higgs, Kyle Watts, Rita Pensmith, Mike Listman, and Owen Plato. Connie Wells was gone on personal business.

Sue Ireland from the Kootenai Tribe gave an overview of the Kootenai River Habitat Restoration Program. She said on the island there have been plantings that were sheltered by dead cuttings. There will be more of a floodplain made as well as some redirecting of the river flow to reduce erosion. This year there will be work done on the straight reach of the river. There will be substrate clusters placed under the water surface for the sturgeon to lay their eggs and provide cover for the larvae. The substrate clusters will always be under water. The flow redirection structures will be made of rock and will be at different elevations and some will be out of the water. They are anticipating a four week construction period so there will be some traffic disruption. The contractor will work around the events planned for the fairgrounds this summer and fall. Construction will be completed by the first week of November. Mayor Sims thanked Sue for the work being done. Sue Ireland left the meeting.

Bryant Jones from Boise State University (BSU) School of Public Service spoke. BSU has a new applied research institute and it helps governmental entities research problems. They have students and professionals that can help find answers. They have worked with the City of Jerome on an economic development program to help revive their downtown. City of Hailey and Ketchum are also working with BSU on an alternative for their snow storage. They now store the plowed snow along the river and this is causing problems with the Clean Water Act. They are also working with Boise on a homeless problem. They need projects for their students to solve. Mayor Sims asked what the cost is. Bryant said the cost is not free and gave the example of Hailey paying \$2,000. He said governmental entities are asked to put some skin in the game. Bryant left some business cards. BSU also works with other higher educational institutions. Bryant Jones left the meeting.

Kyle Watts spoke regarding the Demolition Derby. It is scheduled for September 10, 2016 at the fairgrounds. The Ambulance is contracted. Kyle will pay the same amount that he did last year for fire engine on site. He does not think they need law enforcement at the event.

Tim West wanted to speak about illegal use of fireworks in the city limits. He said it is getting worse each year. When dispatch is phoned, they tell them it is the 4th of July. Lisa West said there were three nights three weeks ago and dispatch did nothing when they called. Mayor Sims said he will speak with dispatch. Chris Langan said he responded to a few incidents and told them of the law, and the people stopped. Tim West said he would like to see citations issued. He said it is getting out of hand. Mayor Sims thanked them for coming in and said we will do more next year.

Jerry Higgs has a concern about fire and the fireworks. He said there is dead crackling debris and he is worried about the fire danger. Jerry said a local business woman had her home burglarized and some of the miscreants were using a lookout for the police in a Douglas fir tree. Jerry limbed several trees in the area of the burglary. He said some of the people having these problems are concerned, and the trimming of the trees has energized the neighbors. Jerry offered to help anyone with tree trimming if they don't have the means to do it. Neighborhood cleanup efforts are successful and become infectious.

Police Chief Vic Watson said since the last meeting there have been one unlawful entry, one driving without privileges, one public disturbance, one possession of a stolen vehicle, one burglary, one trespass, one child protection order violation, one unattended death, two vehicle crashes, and one abandoned property. The newest police officer started today. Vic thanked Jerry for his efforts. He said people need to be the eyes and ears for the police as they cannot be everywhere. Vic said there were four arrests when the burglaries started and there has only been one since. The original four young people arrested were basically indigent teenagers. Vic said the public input has been helpful with the burglary cases. Tim West asked if Chief Watson was aware of Nixel and suggested people being notified of burglaries this way. Vic said this is a possibility. He said some media is used but Vic will look into it. Kyle Watts asked if there is a way for a city or county to give feedback to our judicial system. He said he has been monitoring several court cases and wanted to know if there was a forum to ask for stiffer penalties. Vic said there is a formal way, and there is someone that may be able to help. Ron Smith said it may be good to speak to the prosecutor handling the case. Vic gave examples of some of the issues that the police face.

Fire Chief Pat Warkentin said on the 18th of July Black Diamond will be here with new boots for ten of the firemen. On July 12th the Idaho State Rating Bureau will be here and it is Pat's goal to keep us at a Class 4 rating. Bonners Ferry Fire Department participated in the hose competition on the 4th of July. There were two events and the trophy went to the team with the best combined time. The City was successful as their time was a tenth of a second faster. There was one fire on the dike from the City fireworks display. There was a fire call at the Conoco but it was smoke from an electrical wire issue. There was a fire call at the high school for cleaning the filters. A fire call at the Hospital was the result of a water hammer caused by North Bench shutting off a fire hydrant too quickly. There was a carbon monoxide call at a residence where a woman had been canning. He said the carbon monoxide alarm was caused by the fire and air mixture being different due to the pot on the burner.

Mike Klaus gave the administrator report. He said the Augusta Street project is ongoing. He asked that the public avoid that area of town if possible. The completion date is set for September 5, 2016.

Mayor Sims introduced Dennis Weed, Economic Development Coordinator. Dennis is working on a number of different opportunities to hopefully enhance life here. He likes the job and hopes to see positive things happening in the future. Tim West asked about a biomass project. Dennis said there is a woody biomass project being reviewed.

Mayor Sims said the refinancing of the bonds through Banner Bank was done by the Urban Renewal Agency.

Adam Arthur moved to add three late agenda items including approval of the special event permit for Kyle Watts for the Demolition Derby, approval of a catering permit for SHMM dba Moyie Store for Kootenai River Days, and executive session. Ron Smith seconded the motion. The motion passed – Ron Smith “yes”, Rick Alonzo “yes”, Adam Arthur “yes”.

Rick Alonzo moved to approve consent agenda. Adam Arthur seconded the motion. The motion passed – Ron Smith “yes”, Rick Alonzo “yes”, Adam Arthur “yes”. The consent agenda contained the following: roll call; approval of accounts payable and payroll; approval of June 21, 2016 council meeting minutes and approval of June 28, 2016 special council meeting minutes.

The golf course restroom expenditures were briefly discussed. The City will be responsible for \$3,000 and the Friends of Mirror Lake will pay the remaining costs.

Vic Watson spoke regarding the purchase of a used vehicle for the police department and also for the street department. He said he would like to defer a portion of this budget to the street department and revisit the budget for FY2017 for a vehicle purchase for the police department. The cost of the two vehicles in Boise is \$25,000. Ron Smith moved to allow police to use the remaining capital budget for the purchase of the vehicles and additional equipment. Rick Alonzo seconded the motion. The motion passed – Ron Smith “yes”, Rick Alonzo “yes”, Adam Arthur “yes”.

Mike Klaus showed a power point slide of the deteriorating concrete at the swimming pool. There is quite a bit of cracking. Another slide showed the floor of the pool where the concrete broke over the winter. Mike said there will be some water left in the pool over the winter. Mike would like to do a core sample of the pool walls after the summer season is over to determine the strength of the pool. Mike said this is possibly a high dollar figure to fix the pool.

Attorney Andrakay Pluid said in order for cable television to be in the city limits there is the need for the cable franchise ordinance. Eric Lederhos is acquiring the cable company. Country Cable let the franchise lapse. Andrakay said the August 16, 2016 meeting would be the hearing date for the franchise hearing. Rick Alonzo moved to have the first reading of the Cable Franchise Ordinance by title only and set the public hearing. Ron Smith seconded the motion. The motion passed – Ron Smith “yes”, Rick Alonzo “yes”, Adam Arthur “yes”. Andrakay read the cable franchise ordinance by title only.

Mike Klaus spoke regarding the concrete spillway at the Moyie Dam. He said shotcrete was applied in the early 1980’s and that is starting to fail. He said the concrete is good but the surface is having issues. He has contacted HDR Engineering and they have plans for mitigating the problems on the surface of the dam. He said resurfacing work on the Dam would be done in late summer when the surface is dry. Mayor Sims said concrete work on the Dam is ongoing. Mike said this will take scaffolding and even a crane to do the work. Adam Arthur moved to authorize the Mayor to sign the agreement with HDR Engineering for the spillway inspection at

a cost up to \$15,000. Rick Alonzo seconded the motion. The motion passed – Ron Smith “yes”, Rick Alonzo “yes”, Adam Arthur “yes”.

Mayor Sims asked if Kyle will pay the fire department \$150. Kyle said he will and the Fire Chief said that is good. Rick Alonzo moved to approve the special event permit for Kyle Watts for the Demolition Derby at the Fairgrounds on September 10, 2016. Ron Smith seconded the motion. The motion passed – Ron Smith “yes”, Rick Alonzo “yes”, Adam Arthur “yes”.

Adam Arthur moved to approve the catering permit for Dave Young for the SHMM dba Moyie Store for beer only for Kootenai River Days Rodeo at the Fairgrounds on July 8 and July 9, 2016. Rick Alonzo seconded the motion. The motion passed – Ron Smith “yes”, Rick Alonzo “yes”, Adam Arthur “yes”.

At 8:01 p.m. Rick Alonzo moved to go into executive session per Idaho Code 74-206 91) (a) to discuss applications for the planning/administration position. Ron Smith seconded the motion. The motion passed – Ron Smith “yes”, Rick Alonzo “yes”, Adam Arthur “yes”. Executive session ended at 8:06 p.m. No action was taken.

At 8:07 p.m. the meeting reconvened. There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

David Sims, Mayor

Attest:

Kris Larson, City Clerk